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SUBJECT: ECE - COAL COMMITTEE: AD HOC MEETING ON COAL
GASIFICATION, LIQUEFACTION/TREATMENT, JANUARY 16-18

REF: STATE 3920

1. ONLY DOCUMENTS PUBLISHED SPECIFICALLY FOR SUBJECT
MEETING IS AGENDA (COAL/AC.2/3). AGENDA CONTAINS FOLLOWING
SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS:

"4. PROGRESS MADE IN THE PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE
SYMPOSIUM ON GASIFICATION AND LIQUEFACTION OF COAL.

"5. SPECIFIC TOPICS RELATING TO THE GASIFICATION AND
LIQUEFACTION OF COAL TO BE DEALT WITH BY THE AD HOC
MEETING:

"(A) CONSIDERATION OF A CLASSIFICATION OF COALS ACCORDING
TO THEIR PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES AND THE PHYSICAL/
CHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF ASSOCIATED MINERAL MATTER WITH
RESPECT TO THEIR PERFORMANCE IN COAL GASIFICATION PRO-
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CESSES;

"(B) CONSIDERATION OF A CLASSIFICATION OF COALS ACCORD-
ING TO THEIR PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES AND THE
PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL PROPERTIES IN COAL LIQUEFACTION PROCES-
SES;

"(C) COMPARISON OF INTERNATIONAL PARAMETERS AND OPERATING RESULTS FOR EXISTING COAL GASIFICATION PLANTS AND ANALYSIS OF FUTURE PLANT DESIGN;

"(D) COMPARISON OF INTERNATIONAL PARAMETERS AND OPERATING RESULTS FOR EXISTING COAL LIQUEFACTION PLANTS AND ANALYSIS OF FUTURE PLANT DESIGN;

"(E) NEW ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THE CONVERSION OF COAL INTO GAS AND SYNTHETIC LIQUIDS - PRESENT SITUATION AND PROSPECTS;

"(F) ADVISABILITY OF SETTING UP AN INTERNATIONAL COAL GASIFICATION AND LIQUEFACTION INSTITUTE;

"(G) STUDY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS OF COAL GASIFICATION PLANTS."

FULL TITLE OF THE MEETING IS "SECOND AD HOC MEETING OF EXPERTS TO CONSIDER DETAILS OF INTENSIFIED COOPERATION ON SELECTED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF COAL GASIFICATION, LIQUEFACTION AND TREATMENT".

2. ITEMS 5 A AND B ON THE CLASSIFICATION OF COALS WITH RESPECT TO THEIR PERFORMANCE IN COAL GASIFICATION AND LIQUEFACTION PROCESSES IS A TECHNICAL QUESTION ON WHICH WORK WILL BE STARTED. ITEM 5 F REFERS TO A PROPOSAL BY UNCLASSIFIED

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POLAND TO SET UP AN INTERNATIONAL COAL GASIFICATION AND LIQUEFACTION INSTITUTE. THIS PROPOSAL WAS FIRST MADE AT THE GROUP OF EXPERTS MEETING ON COAL UTILIZATION LAST SUMMER AND IS A POLITICALLY IMPORTANT ONE BECAUSE IT ADDRESSES THE QUESTION OF COOPERATION AND COORDINATION BETWEEN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES ON R & D IN THE FIELD OF COAL GASIFICATION.

3. ITEM 5 IF BY FAR THE MOST IMPORTANT. THE AGENDA GIVES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THIS ITEM:

"THE EXPERTS FROM THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES WILL BE REQUESTED TO STATE THEIR VIEWS ON THE WAY IN WHICH THESE TOPICS SHOULD BE TAKLED THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE COAL COMMITTEE, AND, IF POSSIBLE, TO SUBMIT REPORTS ON THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN AND ON RECENT PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN THIS FIELD IN THEIR COUNTRIES. THIS INFORMATION SHOULD, IF POSSIBLE, BE TRANSMITTED TO THE SECRETARIAT.

"WITH REGARD TO ITEMS 5 (A) AND 5 (B), THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE AD HOC MEETING WILL HAVE BEFORE THEM DOCUMENT

COAL/R.39 SUMMARIZING THE CURRENT WORK ON THE COMPARISON OF SYSTEMS OF CLASSIFICATION OF HARD COALS BY TYPE, AS USED IN PARTICULAR COUNTRIES, WITH THE ECE INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION, AS WELL AS DOCUMENT COAL/GE/3/R.25 ON INTERNATIONAL DEFINITIONS, STANDARDS AND CLASSIFICATION OF LOW CALORIE SOLID FUELS.

"AS REGARDS ITEM 5 (F), THE SECRETARIAT SUGGESTS THAT THE EXPERTS FROM THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES SHOULD CONSULT THEIR GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING THIS TOPIC, WHICH WAS PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF POLAND. IN THE OPINION OF THE

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SECRETARIAT, SUCH AN INSTITUTE, STUDY CENTRY OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC BODY MIGHT POSSIBLY STUDY, INTER ALIA, THE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS:

"THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONALLY AGREED DEFINITIONS, TERMINOLOGIES AND CLASSIFICATIONS IN THE FIELD OF COAL GASIFICATION AND LIQUEFACTION;

"JOINT RESEARCH ON THE DETERMINATION OF RESOURCES AND ON THE PRELIMINARY TREATMENT OF COALS SUTIALE FOR GASIFICATION AND LIQUEFACTION;

"JOINT RESEARCH ON THE PETROGRAPHIC STRUCTURE OF COAL;

"THE COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF INTERNATIONALLY COMPARABLE PARAMETERS AND OPERATING RESULTS ON EXISTING POINTS, AND ANALYSES OF FUTURE PLANT DESIGN;

"ESTABLISHMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS APPLICABLE
TO COAL CONVERSION PLANTS AND PRODUCTS;

"ISSUANCE OF A REGULARLY U-DATED DIRECTORY OF INSTITUTIONS
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WORKING THE FIELD OF COAL GASIFICATION/LIQUEFACTION,
INCLUDING SHORT DESCRIPTIONS OF ON-GOING ACTIVITIES.

"REVIEW OF GOVERNMENT R AND D POLICIES IN THIS FIELD
AND ANALYSIS OF THE SYNTHETIC FUEL MARKETS AND OF
INTERNATIONAL TRADE;

"ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGISTER OF COOPERATION AGREEMENTS,
PATENTS AND PROPRIETARY RIGHTS;

"COORDINATION OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES BETWEEN PARTNERS;

"STANDARDIZATION AND MUTUAL ACCEPTANCE OF EQUIPMENT;

"COOPERATIVE RESEARCH; AND

"EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS AND TRAINEES.

"SUCH AN INTERNATIONAL BODY OF SCIENTISTS AND EXPERTS
MIGHT BE SET UP IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL
BODIES."

4. AS WE UNDERSTAND U.S. HAS INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT
OF COAL GASIFICATION, WE BELIEVE IT USEFUL IF U.S.
DELEGATE IS ACCREDITED TO THIS MEETING. U.S. DELEGATE
TO FIRST AD HOC MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT FEB. 16-18, 1977,
WAS DR. AB FLOWERS, DIRECTOR, GAS SUPPLY RESEARCH ,
AMERICAN GAS ASSOCIATION, ARLINGTON, VA. VANDEN HEUVEL

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